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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN PURCHASE OF SALVADORAN COFFEE

REF: (A) SAN SALVADOR 3462 (B) LONDON 13647

1. PRESS REPORTS SEPT. 14 THAT 60,000 QUINTALES (46,000 BAGS OF 60 KILOS) OF SALVADORAN COFFEE LOADED AT PORT OF ACAJUTLA SEPTEMBER 13 FOR SHIPMENT TO BARSIL. THIS IS SECOND SHIPMENT UNDER BRASILIAN PURCHASE FROM EL SALVADOR AND WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAVE IN AUGUST. FIRST SHIPMENT, 160,000 QUINTALES (122,667 BAGS OF 60 KILOS) STORED IN HAMBURG, REPORTEDLY DELIVERED TO INTERBRAS AT SANTANDUA. COFFEE COMPANY SOURCES TOLD PRESS THAT REMAINING SHIPMENTS WILL BE MADE AFTER OCTOBER 1 SO THAT THEY WILL BE COUNTED

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IN SALVADORAN EXPORT STATISTICS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF

QUOTAS UNDER COFFEE AGREEMENT.

2. SALVADORAN COFFEE AUTHORITIES CLEARLY INTEND TO SEE EXPORTS TO BRASIL COUNTED TOWARD EL SALVADOR'S BASIC QUOTA UNDER COFFEE AGREEMENT. AS EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS U.S. POSITION, EXPORTS TO PRODUCING COUNTRIES FOR PROCESSING AND REEXPORT WOULD NOT BE CREDITABLE TO EXPORTING COUNTRY'S QUOTA UNDER AGREEMENT. IS THIS UNDERSTANDING CORRECT AND IS THIS A FIRM U.S. POSITION REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME OF DELIBERATIONS OF WORKING GROUP FORMED TO STUDY THE QUESTION AND STATEMENT IN FINAL COMMENT OF REF B THAT CONSUMERS WOULD BE QUOTE LIKELY UNQUOTE TO BLOCK ACTION BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO COUNT SUCH EXPORTS? IF REPLY IS AFFIRMATIVE, EMBASSY BELPX;3 ,*5 297)\$?3 USEFUL TO REITERATE THIS POSITION TO SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE CONFUSION OF SALVADORAN REP AT ICO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING REPORTED REF B. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON BASIS OF WHICH DEMARCHE COULD BE MADE HERE.

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